



As this is the last Newsletter of this half term, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all that you have done to support both the school and, more importantly, the children during this period of lockdown. It has once again been an incredibly challenging few weeks for everyone and we hope that you are able to manage some well-deserved rest and family time next week.

Mrs Drake

Mr Thompson

Head of School

Deputy Head of School

Save the date! e-Safety Event

We are pleased to be able to offer an e-Safety event on Thursday 25th February that will explore the themes and risks related to specific aspects of technology use and how you can support your child in their responsible use at home.

The event will be led by Natalie Samuels and Jethro Johnson. Natalie is a Detective Sergeant who has spent many years specialising in investigating and safeguarding child sexual exploitation online and is also one of our School Governors. Mr Johnson is the Computing Lead at our sister primary school, Gorseley Bank, and has led similar events there in the past.

Following the presentation, there will be the opportunity for parents and carers to ask and questions that they may have.

Track and Trace

As in previous holidays, we will be asking you to notify us as soon as possible should your child test positive for COVID-19, as this may also require other pupils needing to self-isolate. If this does happen, please email admin@cheadlehulmeprimary.org.uk as soon as possible.

Supporting Your Child at Home During Half Term

We are not setting any formal learning for the children next week as we think they (and you!) thoroughly deserve a break. However, with the usual half term activities being severely limited at the moment, some of you may be grateful of a few suggestions that may support the wellbeing of your child and provide a little structure to part of the week should you need it.

With that in mind, the team have put together a 'Wellbeing Menu' for each year group that has been sent out with this week's Newsletter. Please note that there is absolutely no expectation that you will engage in these - they are entirely optional but hopefully a support for those of you who need it.

Half term is also the perfect opportunity for your child to spend some time reading for pleasure. There are many ways to promote this at home, and to engage in conversation about what your child enjoys reading. Last week we shared information on the ['TRUST' approach](#) and we have re-shared the four ways to establish the daily reading habit at home on the page below.

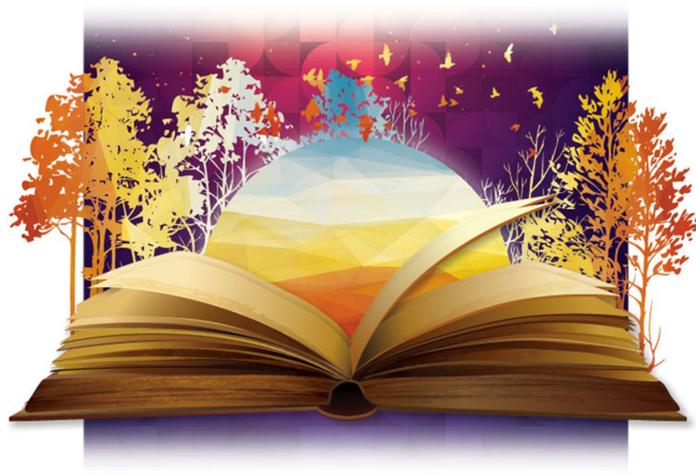


World Book Day

We are all looking forward to celebrating this brilliant event on Thursday 4th March. Although it will be celebrated slightly differently this year, we cannot wait to see everybody dressed up as a book character when we start our live lessons that day!

Parents' Evenings

We have made the decision to postpone these until after the children have been back in school for a couple of weeks, to give us time to settle them back into routine and to assess the progress they have made since the end of last term. Exact dates will be shared once we know more about the wider reopening of schools but, in the spirit of Government messaging, we will endeavour to give you at least two weeks notice!



Four ways to establish the (daily) reading habit at home

Don't worry about how long you read for

As adults we all have different reading habits and children are exactly the same – every minute reading makes a bigger difference than you realise!

Don't worry about what your children are reading

As adults we wouldn't want to be told what to read (or that what we're reading isn't serious enough!) – whatever it is they enjoy reading, let them, and always keep books and other reading material close by!

Reading to children of all ages is helpful

If your little one isn't reading by themselves, read with them. If they are, read with them anyway! Being a reader is also about just enjoying and sharing stories (and yes that includes audiobooks!)

Create the time and space – for you and them!

Book out a time of the day and a space in the house where you bring out the hot chocolate and settle down to read as a family (sharing books or not)